



Challenge TB - Bangladesh

Year 1
Monitoring Report
October 2014 - March 2015

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Challenge TB Year 1 Quarterly Report

Country: Bangladesh Reporting period: October 2014 - March 2015

Lead partner: MSH Other partners: KNCV

Most Significant Achievements:

During this first quarter, the focus was entirely on finalizing the workplan, establishing an office, and recruiting staff.

The workplan was finalized and approved.

The Challenge TB office in Bangladesh has been set up.

Most staff have been recruited; M&E officer started working in March. Besides, PPM, Technical advisor, Lab, and PMDT staff have been recruited in Feb and started in April.

Technical and Administrative Challenges:

The recruitment of the Country Project Director has proven very challenging, with two candidates rejected and also internal blockages slowing down the submission of candidates to USAID.

Finalizing the Purchase Order for the containerized lab for Sylhet.

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	cess Story Idea for Year 1		
	we are just starting the assessments which v	vill guide activities in the later years.	
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Challenge TB Quarterly Report - Status of activities

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Sub-objective:	1 Enabling environment								
		Activity		Planned N	Milestones		Milestone status	met?	Remarks (reason for not
Intervention areas	Planned Key Activities for the Current \	number	Oct-Dec 2014	Jan-Mar 2015	Apr-Jun 2015	Jul-Sep 2015	Oct 2014 - Mar 2015	(Met, partially,	meeting milestone or other key information)
	Develop strategic plan for country-wide implementation of PPM	1.1.1		ToR prepared; Experience/ documentation collected; Team established; Planning workshop conducted	1st draft plan developed	Final strategic plan developed and endorsed; Plan printed and distributed	Preparatory work, like the discussion on the methdology and a detailed step by step fleshing out of the workplan done by Interim Tecnical Adviso with the PPM officer as well as with recuited technical advisor who will play also a role in PPM assigments.	Not met	PPM Officer and technical advisor, as technical teamleader, will come on board in April, job interviews were held in February.
	Draft plan for implementing mandatory notification	1.1.2		Options explored	Draft options discussed and modified, if required; (revised) options prepared	Implementation plan finalized	Assess the type of problems in PPM (which type of providers are preferred by patients), and modalities on how to how to bridge the gaps in private sector involvement	Partially	Interim technical advisor started exploring options; full-time staff start in April
	ISTC planning for roll out in APA2	1.1.3		Info of ISTC use in training collected	Info on ISTC use in training analyzed; Preparation of plan to roll out initiated	Roll out plan prepared		Not met	Staff to come on board in April; nothing been done yet, as the TA is not yet there. Discussions with him showed that he has experience in training of ISTC use and the impact of only training.
1.2. Demand side: Community empowered, especially among risk groups	Inventory of national ACSM activities in TB and other programs	1.2.1		Info on ACSM activities collected	Info on ACSM activities analyzed	Ideas for ACSM priorities identified; ACSM draft plan developed for APA2	Interim technical advisor elaborated with PPM/vulnerable groups TO detailed 3 months work plan (before formal start). The work plan starts with an assesment what is done by other partners and eventual studies done.	Partially	Staff to come on board in April

	Sub-grants to LNGOs for community case finding activities	1.2.2	Procedure for selection of NGO's for subgrants for community cf initiated; NGO(s) for subgrant selected, and procedures finalized	NGO(s) for sub- grant contracted; Community cf implemented by NGO(s)	Community cf implemented by NGO(s)	RFA released, applications received and reviewed; In April the final selection will be done of the shortlisted candidates.	Met	Work plan was only approved in February. The RFA timeline has been reformulated based on realistic situation, but such that July deadline will be met for start of implementation of awardees. Within this new timeline the milstone is met.
1.3. Demand side: Health seeking behavior improved for types of services	Inventory of health seeking behavior interventions and research	1.3.1	sources idenfified	studies etc analyzed	ideas identified		Not Met	Relevant staff (PPM/vulnerable group TO) will start in April. So this work has not started.
1.4 Provider side: Patient centered approach integrated into routine TB services for all care providers for a supportive environment	Inventory on costing and other patient-centered studies and materials	1.4.1	Literature research and identification ideas	Literature research and identification ideas	Report finalized for future planning		Not met	Relevant staff (PPM/vulnerable group TO) will start in April. So this work has not started.
	Review of urban TB landscape	1.4.2	Existing docs and collaboration mechanisms reviewed	Situation analysis, stakeholder interviews; Draft urban strategy prepared and discussed in a workshop	Finalize urban strategy based on feedback	Some initial information collected by the interim technical advisor . A visit was made to the slum area and an NGO working there under TB CARE.	Partially	Local staff to come on board in April
	Procurement planning for LED reagents	1.4.3		Quantify needs & prepare procurement documents for LED reagents (procurement to take place in APA2)				Activity to take place in Q3

Sub-objective:	2 Comprehensive, high quality	diagnost	tics	Dlamad	Aile sham an		Milestone status		
	Planned Key Activities for the Current	Activity		Planned N	Milestones		Milestone status	met? (Met,	Remarks (reason for not meeting milestone or
Intervention areas	Year	number	Oct-Dec 2014	Jan-Mar 2015	Apr-Jun 2015	Jul-Sep 2015	Oct 2014 - Mar 2015	partially,	other key information)
2.1 Access to quality TB diagnosis ensured	Develop national lab strategic plan	2.1.1		ToR developed; Workshop team and dates of workshop estabablished	Workshop of 3 days with 20 people; Workshop of selected team conducted; Draft strategic plan prepared	Strategic plan finalized & printed		Not met	Lab officer comes on board beginning of April, SSTA planned for May
	LED microscopy training	2.1.2				Training of 90 microscopists			Activity to take place in Q4, SSTA reserved for end of June
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2.2 EQA network for lab diagnostics & services functioning	Improve EQA system and implement the new EQA guideline (including FM microscopy)	2.2.1		ToR prepared; Dates for workshop and training identified; New EQA guildelines printed; Workshop and 1 training conducted; Local TA for conduct of 2 workshops selected; 2 trainings conducted		New EQA guideline introduced country-wide		Not met	Staff to come on board in April, planned for end of June
2.3 Access to quality culture/DST ensured	Ensure supplies for culture/DST for 1 NTRL & 2 RTRLs	2.3.1		existing stock and forecast requirements calculated				Not met	Staff to come on board in April
	Hain second-line LPA screening for all detected MDR cases	2.3.2		Procurement initiated and processed	Procurement finalized			Not met	Staff to come on board in April
2.4 Access, operation and utilization of rapid diagnostics (i.e. Xpert) ensured for priority populations	Xpert cartridges procurement and maintenance Xpert machines (procured under TB CARE II)	2.4.1		Procurement initiated and processed	Procurement finalized; Maintenance contracts signed		Adjustment to plan agreed with USAID: TB CARE II to do first order of cartridges (May); CTB order to be placed in Q3.		TB CARE II procuring Xpert cartridges, so no CTB activity required in Q2
	Support the NTRL for training and supervision to Xpert sites	2.4.2		Support NTRL	Support NTRL	Support NTRL		Not met	Staff to come on board in April
	Sustain mHealth system for DOT for MDR patients	2.4.3		Procurement initiated and processed	Procurement finalized	Engagement process with NTP in taking ownership initiated		Not met	Staff to come on board in April

2.6 Expedient laboratory specimen transport and results	Sputum transport costs	2.6.1	Procurement initiated and processed	Procurement finalized		Not met	Staff to come on board in April
feedback system 2.7 Bio-safety measures in laboratories ensured	Biosafety cabinets certified and maintained in 4 laboratories	2.7.1	Procurement initiated and processed	Maintenance commenced & completed	Original plan assumed that a local company could provide this maintenance, but SOW (received in late April) is beyond the scope of local firms.	Not met	Staff to come on board in April. Price has increased dramatically since WP submission, as this is now an international procurement.
	Sylhet containerized RTRL	2.7.2	Procurement initiated and processed	Procurement finalized	approval received early April and PO signed in late April (after GIZ understood revised terms). Procurement was processed in Q2. GIZ proceeded with lab preparation during discussions.	Partially	Delays due to the transfer of lab/PO from TB care II to CTB and preparing necessary documents.

Sub-objective:	3 Patient-centered care and tre	eatment							
				Planned N	lilestones		Milestone status	met?	Remarks (reason for not
Intervention areas	Planned Key Activities for the Current Year	Activity number	Oct-Dec 2014	Jan-Mar 2015	Apr-Jun 2015	Jul-Sep 2015	Oct 2014 - Mar 2015	(Met, partially,	meeting milestone or other key information)
	Improve detection and mangement of childhood TB	3.1.1			Training conducted	Training conducted			No milestones anticipated in Q2
case finding for all risk groups by all care providers	Xpert testing for PLHIV and diabetics	3.1.2		RFA developed,Awa rdees selected	Systematic screening commenced	Monitor activities	RFA released and selection well under way as of 31 March. Timeline adjusted to ensure good review of bids and still allow awards to be in effect by 1 July.	Met	Screening to begin in Q4 per USAID.
	TB screening of prisoners	3.1.3			TB in prison draft strategy developed				No milestones anticipated in Q2

3.2 Access to quality	cPMDT roll out in 4 districts	3.2.1	Workshop team	Workshop	Not met	Staff to come on board
treatment and care			and dates of	conducted		in April
ensured for TB, DR TB			workshop			
and TB/HIV for all risk			estabablished			
groups from all care						
providers	Improved detection of DR TB suspects	3.2.2	Workshop	Workshop	Not met	Staff to come on board
			team and dates	conducted		in April
			of workshop			
			estabablished			

				Planned N	lilestones	Milestone status	met?	Remarks (reason for not	
Intervention areas	Planned Key Activities for the Current Year	Activity number	Oct-Dec 2014	Jan-Mar 2015	Apr-Jun 2015	Jul-Sep 2015	Oct 2014 - Mar 2015	(Met, partially,	meeting milestone or other key information
4.1 Contact investigation implemented and monitored	Systematic contact tracing of all cases according to national guidelines	4.1.1		RFA developed,Awa rdees selected	Systematic screening commenced	Monitor activities	RFA released and selection well under way as of 31 March. Timeline adjusted to ensure good review of bids and still allow awards to be in effect by 1 July.	Met	Screening to begin in Q per USAID.
4.2. TB social determinants identified, appropriate interventions designed, implemented and monitored	Define strategy for ACF in Bangladesh context	4.2.1				Capture, analyze and generate ideas on what has been done on active case finding			No milestones anticipated in Q2

Sub-objective:	5 Infection control									
				Planned N	lilestones		Milestone status		met?	Remarks (reason for not
Intervention areas	Planned Key Activities for the Current Year	Activity number	Oct-Dec 2014	Jan-Mar 2015	Apr-Jun 2015	Jul-Sep 2015	Oct 2014 -	Mar 2015	(Met, partially,	meeting milestone or other key information)
5.1 Compliance with quality TB-IC measures in health care, community and congregate settings ensured	FAST expansion	5.1.1				Draw lessons learned of the FAST intervension of TB CARE II and design expansion plan for APA2				No milestones anticipated in Q2
	N95 mask procurement	5.1.2		Procurement initiated and processed	Procurement finalized				Not met	Staff to come on board in April
	Revisit the policy for use of N95 masks and fitting procedure and disseminate	5.1.3		Review effect of current policy in terms of stigma and discrimination, and advise changes	Disseminate revisited policy				Not met	Staff to come on board in April
	Introduce fit testing to chest disease hospitals	5.1.4		Procurement initiated and processed	Procurement finalized; Training and fit tests done in 11 hospitals				Not met	Staff to come on board in April

Sub-objective:	7 Political commitment and lea	dersnip 			1ilestones		Milestone status	mo+2	Remarks (reason for no
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ntervention areas	Year	number	Oct-Dec 2014	Jan-Mar 2015	Apr-Jun 2015	Jul-Sep 2015	Oct 2014 - Mar 2015	partially,	other key information
7.2 In-country political commitment strengthened	Develop strategic plan to transition some/all NTP costs from donor to gov't funding	7.2.1			Strategic plan developed	Strategic plan developed			No milestones anticipated in Q2
	Give technical support to CCM Secretariat	7.2.2		Continuous support to CCM secretariat and procurement processes	Continuous support to CCM secretariat and procurement processes	Continuous support to CCM secretariat and procurement processes		Not met	Staff to come on boar in April
Sub-objective:	9 Drug and commodity manage	ement sy	/stems						
				Planned N	lilestones	Milestone status	met?	Remarks (reason for n	
Intervention areas	Planned Key Activities for the Current Year	Activity number	Oct-Dec 2014	Jan-Mar 2015	Apr-Jun 2015	Jul-Sep 2015	Oct 2014 - Mar 2015	(Met, partially,	meeting milestone o other key information
D.2 New and ancillary drug regimens for FB/MDR/LTBI patients available, as appropriate	Operational research on 9-month regimen	9.2.1	000 2011	RFA developed,Awa rdee selected	7.p. 3dii <u>20</u> 23	Procurement commenced STTA provided.	RFA template prepared; awaiting approved SOW	Partially	Awaiting SOW; discussions within Bangladesh Governme continue regarding SO
Sub-objective:	10 Quality data, surveillance a	nd M&E							
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ntervention areas	Planned Key Activities for the Current Year	Activity number	Oct-Dec 2014	Jan-Mar 2015	Apr-Jun 2015	Jul-Sep 2015	Oct 2014 - Mar 2015	(Met, partially,	meeting milestone o other key information
10.2 Epidemiologic assessments conducted and results ncorporated into national strategic plans	Establish a research agenda	10.2.1		Revival of the research working group	Conduct workshop where the research agenda is prioritized; STTA of external consultant			Not met	Staff to come on boar in April
Sub-objective:	11 Human resource developme	ent							
				Planned N	lilestones		Milestone status	met?	Remarks (reason for n
ntervention areas	Planned Key Activities for the Current Year	Activity number	Oct-Dec 2014	Jan-Mar 2015	Apr-Jun 2015	Jul-Sep 2015	Oct 2014 - Mar 2015	(Met, partially,	meeting milestone o other key information
1.1 Qualified staff vailable and	Joint supportive supervision	11.1.1		Support JSS	Support JSS	Support JSS		Not met	Staff to come on boar
supportive supervisory systems in place	Assess the balance of staffing and tasks between NTP and NGOs	11.1.2			Assessment developed				No milestones anticipated in Q2

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Sub-objective:	12 Technical supervision								
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ntervention areas			Oct-Dec 2014	Jan-Mar 2015	Apr-Jun 2015	Jul-Sep 2015	Oct 2014 - Mar 2015		
.2.1 Technical	STTA from KNCV HQ to support TA	12.1.1						Met	
supervision	STTA from MSH to support TOs & PD	12.1.2						Met	

ountry Bangladesh Reporting period: October 2014 - March 2015 urrent Global Fund TB Grants Name (i.e. NFM 1) Average rating* Current rating Total approved amount Total dispersed to date Since January 2010 a-country Global Fund status - key updates, current conditions, challenges and bottlenecks hallenge TB & Global Fund - Challenge TB involvement in GF support/implementation, any actions taken during this reporting period No significant interaction during this initial quarter, which focused on finalizing the workplan and recruiting staff.	Challenge TI	3 Quarterly Rep	ort - Globai	i Fund Engageme	ent	
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No significant interaction during this initial quarter, which focused on finalizing the workplan and recruiting staff.						
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Challenge TB Quarterly Report - MDR-TB Update

Country Bangladesh Reporting period October 2014 - March 2015

MDR TB cases diagnosed and put on treatment in country

Quarter	Number of MDR cases diagnosed	Number of MDR cases put on treatment	Comments:
Total 2010			TB CARE II is currently tracking. Challenge TB to assume this
Total 2011			responsibility later in 2015.
Total 2012			
Total 2013			
Total 2014			
Jan-Mar 2015			
Apr-Jun 2015			
Jul-Sep 2015			
Oct-Dec 2015			
Total 2015			

Challenge TB-supported International Visits (technical and management-related trips) Country Bangladesh Reporting period October 2014 - March 2015

#	Partner	Activity	Name	Purpose	Planned	Status	Dates	Duration of	Debrief	Summary	Final	Additional
		Code			month, year	(pending or completed)	completed	the visit (# of days)	presentation received	report received	report received	Remarks (Optional)
1	MSH		Christopher Welch	Interim Country Project Director	Feb-15	Completed	1/29 - 2/11	14		Yes		No debrief presentation requested
2	MSH		Zubayer Hussain	Interim Country Project Director	Feb-15	Completed	2/19 - 3/06	14	No	Yes		No debrief presentation requested. Time in Bangladesh was split, with the first two weeks for CTB and the following time for SIAPS. Only the CTB portion is counted in the "duration" column.
3	KNCV		Netty Kamp	Interim Technical Advisor	Feb-Mar 2015	Completed	1/23 - ?	30	Yes	No		
4	KNCV		Netty Kamp	Interim Technical Advisor	Feb-Mar 2015	Completed	? - 3/24	30				Second trip required due to Bangladeshi visa caps
5	MSH		TBD	To-post travel for Country Project Director	Q1	Pending						Only if expatriate hired
6	KNCV		Maarten van Cleef	PY1 Work planning	Dec-14	Completed	11/17- 11/28	11	Yes	No		
7	KNCV		Marijke Becx	PY1 Work planning	Dec-14	Completed	11/17- 11/28	11	Yes	No		
8	KNCV		Technical Focal Point (Dr. Asif Mujtaba Mahmud)	Country Directors meeting	Jun-15	Pending						
9	MSH		Country Project Director (TBD)	Country Directors meeting	Jun-15	Pending						
10	KNCV		M&E Officer (Emdadul Hoque)	Country Directors meeting	Jun-15	Pending						
11	MSH		Berhane Assefa	PY1 Work planning	Nov-14	Completed	11/17- 11/28	11	Yes	no		
12	MSH		Anna Spector	PY1 Budgeting	Nov-14	Completed	11/16- 11/28	12	Yes	no		
13	MSH		Munira Siddiqi	Human Resources support for start-up incl. team orientation	Apr-15	Pending						
14	KNCV	1.1	TBD	Workshop with PPM team to M&E guidance for PPM, set targets, and revise training policies	Q2	Pending						
15 16	KNCV MSH	2.2	Marijke Becx TBD	Lead workshop on EQA Assess the balance of staffing	Q2 Q3	Pending Pending						
				and tasks between NTP and NGOs including supervision		_						
17 18	MSH MSH	12.1 12.1	Christopher Welch Christopher Welch	Management supervision PY2 Work planning	May-15 Jul-15	Pending Pending						
19	KNCV	12.1	Netty Kamp	Technical supervision	TBD	Pending						
20	KNCV	12.1	Netty Kamp	PY2 Work planning	Jul-15	Pending						
21	KNCV	2.1	Valentina	Develop national lab strategic plan	Q3	Pending						
22	KNCV	2.1	TBD	Lab accreditation for NTRL	Q3	Pending						
23	KNCV	9.2	TBD	Operational research on 9- month regimen	Q4	Pending						
24 Total	number of	visits cons	lucted (cumulative for f	iscal year)		3						
				iscal year)		23						
	otal number of visits planned in workplan ercent of planned international consultant visits conducted					13%						
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Quarterly Photos (as well as tables, charts and other relevant materials)